

REASONS

Humbly offer'd against a Clause in a Bill for the better Collecting of Charity-Money on Briefs, &c. (viz.)

THE said Clause empowers the King's most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to nominate and appoint certain Person or Persons by Commission under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, to be Undertaker or Undertakers for the Collecting of such Charities, for a certain Term of Years, and that no other Person or Persons whatsoever shall collect the same.

I. For that the Sufferers to whom such Briefs are granted are thereby deprived of the Benefit of collecting the same by themselves, (if they are desirous so to do) or by any other Person or Persons whom they can most confide in, and believe will perform it to their best Advantage, and are confined to such Persons only as are nominated in such Commission.

II. That it is erecting it into an Office and thereby making a Property of it, and may instead of being an Advantage to the Sufferers, prove an Oppression and Damage to them, when confined to such certain Commissioners, and they can apply to no other Persons to collect for and assist them therein; whereas if left to do it themselves, or whom else they shall think fit to appoint, this Inconvenience will be avoided.

III. If the Sufferers can only apply to these Commissioners, they may meet with great Delays and chargeable Attendances, whereas on the contrary if the Sufferers are at liberty to choose their own Collectors, they, with the Assistance of their Trustees, will require and take such sufficient Security as shall oblige a regular Performance.

IV. That Petitioners for Briefs very frequently collect the Counties wherein they live and the adjacent ones themselves, and other more remote Counties by their Friends and Relations, which hath been often found by Experience to be of great Advantage to them, and some have undertaken and managed the whole by themselves, Friends, and Relations, which by the Clause they are utterly incapable to do.

V. That the placing it in a few Persons by Commission seems rather calculated to serve a private Interest than to advance a publick Good.

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